

Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
6:00 P.M. May 10, 2004

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Skip Benolken	Johnny Holden	Jay Olchak
Albert Cherry	Joseph Lek	Tom Olney
Dorothy Fant	Marcella Lowe	Bradley Richards
Kevin Feldt	Barbara Mazer	Ray Salman
Mark Foss	Gail Melton	Roberta Thomas
Lad Hawkins	Larry Nelson	Ben Tucker

Members Excused

Geraldine Atkinson	Carol Schirado	Laura Brown
Beverly Garvin	Tom Shoumlin	

Guests

David Boynton

Staff/Resource

Jim Green, FDOT	Skip Roeszel, Bldg Insp	Jennifer Hewett-
Robert Jernigan, JSO	Lynn Westbrook,	Apperson, P&DD
Margo Moehring, PDD	Mayor's Rep	
Clayton Owens, JFR	Dawn Wood, NSD	

Call to Order

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A prayer followed and then everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance.

Speakers

Jennifer Hewett-Apperson, Planner with the Planning and Development Department of the city gave an update on both the neighborhood action plan in Old Arlington and the Town Center projects. She announced a meeting on June 24 about the action plan, however it may be rescheduled due to another public meeting being held that night. A summary market analysis was handed out to members. Two phase I applications for Town Center funds have been submitted to the Planning Department – Pablo Point and University Park /Charter Point. There are two phase II applications – Old Arlington, Inc. and Mayport. Jennifer can be reached at jhewett@coj.net or 630-1606.

Cecelia Jefferson, chief of the Consumer Affairs Division, spoke about the consumer educational classes their office holds for the community. The current classes are dealing with “spot delivery.” Cecelia can be reached at 630-3448.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the April 12, 2004 meeting were unanimously approved.

Sub-Committee Reports

PARKS AND RECREATION – No report.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail Melton reported that she has not received any applications for the Communi-Tree program.

GRANTS AND AWARDS – No report.

LAND USE AND ZONING – Joe Lek reported that the subcommittee met reviewing the Planning Department project list and had no motions.

Marcella reported that she was unable to attend a meeting Pat Lockett-Felder called concerning a pawnshop that wanted to open on Merrill Road, however, her daughter and granddaughter did attend. Based on the vocal opposition expressed at the meeting, Pat Lockett-Felder stated that there would not be a pawnshop at this location and that she would assist the owner in finding another location. The sign that had been illegally placed on the property has since been removed.

MEMBERSHIP – No report.

SCHOOLS – No report.

TRANSPORTATION – Mark Foss reported that the transportation subcommittee met on April 20 and are presenting the following motion:

That a letter be drafted to the Mayor, FDOT, JTA and Jacksonville city council members in the district that the Wonderwood Expressway Bridge over the Intra-Coastal Waterway remain closed until more of the “feeder roads” on the western side of the Intra-Coastal are completed.

After much discussion and input from member Kevin Feldt, who also works for JTA, the motion was amended to read:

That a letter be drafted to the Mayor requesting that the Wonderwood Expressway Bridge over the Intra-Coastal waterway remain closed until Segment One of the Wonderwood Expressway is completed.

(6/14/04 - Kevin Feldt expressed concern over the wording used in the letter)

The motion was unanimously approved.

The Transportation subcommittee will meet at 6:00 p.m. May 18 at the Regency Mall community room. After that the subcommittee will meet every third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

Ray Salman expressed concern about rezoning project 2004-246 being approved with conditions by the Planning Commission. He stated that the issue was never discussed. Traffic for Kensington residents is already extremely difficult without adding this new development. Mark agreed that the Transportation subcommittee will look at the issue at the next meeting.

Mark attended the quarterly meeting of the Craig Airport Advisory Committee in the morning. This committee discussed airport improvements, statistics and noise abatement issues, Super Bowl preparations, Part-150 noise study and community outreach.

TOWN CENTER TASK FORCE – Gail did not give a report since Jennifer Hewett-Apperson already reported on the Town Center projects.

CPAC PICNIC – No report

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins requested information on the traffic flow study that was done by the Planning and Development Department around the Regency Square area. Marcella reported that Lone Star Road construction has finally begun.

Staff Reports

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – No report.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – No report.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOLBOARD – No report.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Margo Moehring had no report except that the zoning project list is available.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Jim Green reported the following upcoming meetings:

- Thursday, May 13 from 5-7 at the FCCJ South theatre. The meeting is about Beach Boulevard construction.
- Thursday, June 24 from 5-7 at the Fairgrounds. The meeting is about the Matthews Bridge alternatives.

BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING – No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – Property Safety – No report.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – Dawn announced that the Mayor’s awards for individual and neighborhood of the year will be given at the Florida Neighborhoods Conference (September 16-18) and that nominations from the CPAC for each are due by the end of July. Volunteers will be called upon soon since plans are getting underway for the event. Also, she stated that flyers on how to avoid dog bites are available at the front of the room.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – No report.

Other Business

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Marcella reported that the BJP Oversight Committee is to meet this week and she asked for other suggestions to take with her. The Mayor is holding the line on the \$232 million spending cap for the courthouse. There will be no rotunda or dome. Lyn Westbrook reported that the city is changing management companies to save money, not because they were incompetent.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES – Al Cherry reported that Hidden Valley has had a serious problem with the fact that at some time in the past the city opened a road in his neighborhood, causing major traffic problems. He finally met with one of the city’s traffic engineers to find out that the neighborhood will be required to pay for the necessary speed humps that will keep the traffic to a slower speed. The need is 11 humps. Barbara Mazer reported that the Charter Point and University Park communities have applied for the Town Center funds for the area on ~~Arlington Road~~ University Boulevard to Edenfield Road. Also, historic research is to be done on the area. She congratulated the Mayport community for the fish fry that was done for school employees at the Marine Science Center.

Roberta Thomas announced again that Fort Caroline Club Estates has applied for Phase II Town Center funds. She also has asked for a feasibility study for roundabouts for her area. She also congratulated Southside Estates for winning the JaxPride Award of Excellence for the butterfly garden they started at Ivey Road.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

GUEST COMMENTS – David Boynton of the Hidden Hills community stated that the meeting was very impressive and he got a lot of information he can use. He reported the “deplorable” condition of Monument Road. Most of the worst of it is north of McCormick but is now getting worse along the south. The area is mowed every 47 days but is supposed to be mowed every month during non-growing months and twice a month during growing months. The Transportation subcommittee will look into the matter.

Marcella commented that she would like to see ornamental sound barriers in Jacksonville like there are in Fort Lauderdale.

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 14, 2003 at the Regency Square Branch Library at 6:00pm.